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SUBJECT: FOOD AID FOR AFRICA: MALI

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1. BY INADVERTENCE I NEGLECTED TO ANSWER REFTEL BUT WISH NEVERTHELESS TO DO SO NOW FOR THE RECORD.
2. MALI BEING A SAHELIAN STATE AND PAINFULLY VULNERABLE TO DROUGHT, WE ARE CONSTANTLY MINDFUL OF THE PROBLEM OF FOOD, AND WE, THE FAO, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, AND OTHER DONORS MONITOR THE SITUATION CAREFULLY.
3. WE DO NOT PROGRAM FOOD AID IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IF THE RAINS COME MALI IS SELF-SUFFICIENT IN CEREALS, AND THE PROVISION OF UNNEEDED PL-480 GRAIN WOULD BE A DISINCENTIVE TO LOCAL PRODUCTION. THE REQUIREMENT FOR FOOD AID TO MALI CAN ONLY BE KNOWN AFTER THE HARVEST, AND THEN IF FOOD IS NEEDED IT IS NEEDED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.
4. IN FY-1978 WE GAVE MALI SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF GRAIN, BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFICIT RESULTING FROM THE POOR RAINS OF THE 1977 SEASON. THIS YEAR THE WEATHER HAS SO FAR BEEN FAIRLY GOOD, BUT THE HARVEST CANNOT BE PREDICTED UNTIL THE LENGTH OF THE CURRENT MONSOON AND THE AMOUNT, DISTRIBUTION, AND PERIODICITY OF THE RAINS ARE KNOWN.

5. ANY FOOD AID GIVEN TO MALI MUST BE UNDER TITLE II BECAUSE THIS

DEPRIVED COUNTRY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PAY FOR VIRTUALLY ANYTHING.

6. OUR AID PROJECTS HERE ARE ALL DESIGNED TO CHANGE THE
SITUATION, TO INCREASE MALI'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND REDUCE
OR ELIMINATE ITS PRESENT ALMOST TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON ANNUAL RAIN-
FALL. IT WILL BE A LONG SLOW PROCESS.
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